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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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THE ONLY SUNDAY STAR ARTICLE ON THE SPYING STORY WAS A PICKUP
OF THE SY HERSCH FROM THE NYT. THE STAR DID APPEND THE FOLLOWING
ITEM:

DID MILITARY HAVE EAR TO KISSINGER BRIEFCASE?
BY THOMAS B. ROSS AND DAVID MURRAY

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES NEWS SERVICE
THE WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" ACCUSED A UNITED
STATES MILITARY MAN OF RIFLING SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY A. KISSINGER'S BRIEFCASE DURING ONE OF HIS VIS-
ITS TO CHINA, IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY.

THE PLUMBERS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT TO CONNECT THE
INCIDENT TO ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER, CHAIRMAN OF
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND AN ALLEGED PLOT BY HIGH
MILITARY OFFICERS TO SPY ON KISSINGER. TO LEARN ABOUT
HIS SUPERSECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHINESE, THE
RUSSIANS AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

BUT A TOP CIVILIAN OFFICIAL IN THE PENTAGON, SHARPLY
DISPUTING THE PLUMBERS, INSISTED THAT THE EVIDENCE
WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO DESCRIBED THE PLUMBERS AS "CRAZY
GUYS," ARGUED THAT IT WOULD DEFY ALL LOGIC FOR NIXON
TO RETAIN MOORER AS THE NATION'S TOP MILITARY OFFICER
IF HE HAD BEEN GUILTY OF INSUBORDINATION.

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